GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SETTLEMENT OF CASES OF LAND OUSTEES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited(MCL) has not settled the cases of land oustees so far;

(b) if so, whether the affected persons have not been given suitable compensation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the payment of compensation and suitable rehabilitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) The cases of land oustees in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) are being suitably settled as per Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Policy of Coal India Limited.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) and (b) above.

(d) Land oustees are being paid compensation for the land and other interests as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957. Suitable rehabilitation and resettlement benefits are provided to them as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Policy of Coal India Limited in conjunction with that of Government of Orissa, before taking possession of their land and other interests.

(e) Acquisition of land is a continuous process and Rehabilitation and Resettlement is done in phases in accordance with the progress of mining activities. All R & R benefits are provided to land affected persons at the time of actual displacement. MCL has so far paid compensation amounting to Rs.199.7552 Crores and provided resettlement benefits to 3132 Project Affected Families.